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Programs and Services

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The Colorado Department of Agriculture's Division of Plant Industry performs a wide array of services for the public and engages in several important environmental and public health protection programs.

The Division of Plant Industry is committed to a better quality of life by:

- Serving the citizens of Colorado
- Improving the environment
- Providing consumer protection
- Assuring the integrity of agriculture and related industries through professionalism, communication, and teamwork.



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So What Do We Do?

Apiary

The Apiary Program provides inspections requested by beekeepers transporting bees outside Colorado to prevent the spread of diseases.

Chemigation

The Chemigation Program grants permits for and inspects closed irrigation systems (such as center pivot irrigation) to protect aquifers and surface water from possible contamination by agricultural chemicals applied through the closed irrigation systems.

Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey

The Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program is involved in early detection of exotic pests that threaten Colorado's agriculture and environment.

Activities include annual surveys for targeted pests, outreach, and education. Recent pests of concern include the emerald ash borer, Sirex wood-wasp, Asian longhorned beetle, potato cyst nematode, cereal leaf beetle, and others.

Phytosanitary Certification

Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey
Fact: 20 million ash trees have been killed by emerald ash borer (pictured right). Don't let it enter Colorado. Only use locally cut firewood and don't transport firewood.

Field Services - Inspections

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Pesticide Applicator

Nursery

The Nursery Program inspects nursery stock offered for sale to protect consumers from sub-standard and/or pest infested stock.

The program also provides the certification required by other states for the exportation of nursery stock.

We also protect the environment of Colorado by restricting the sale of, or inclusion in the sale of Nursery stock, prohibited noxious weeds.

Organic Certification

The Colorado Department of Agriculture is accredited by the USDA as an organic state certifier under the National Organic Program.

We certify crops, livestock, wild crop and processors as USDA Certified Organic through an application and inspection process.

Pesticides

We regulate pesticide distribution and use in the state to prevent adverse effects on the individual and the environment. We inspect the sales of restricted use pesticides and the use, storage and disposal of pesticides and certain devices for pesticide application.

There are 2 programs, the Pesticide Applicator program and the Pesticide Registration program.

Phytosanitary

The Phytosanitary Certification Program makes it possible for Colorado producers to export produce, seeds, and other plant commodities to foreign countries through inspection and issuance of phytosanitary export certificates.

Seed

The goal of the seed program is to enforce the Colorado Seed Act which requires that the seed label, the germination, and purity content of the seed is accurate.

The program also inspects the seed to ensure that prohibited noxious weeds are eliminated and restricted noxious weeds are below a certain level per pound of seed.

Weed Free Forage

The Weed Free Forage program inspects forage or mulch before it is harvested to make sure there are no noxious weeds in the mulch or forage. The use of certified weed free forage and mulch is intended to reduce the spread of weeds on public land or other areas where forage or mulch is used.

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